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The thirty-fifth meeting of the General Council of the General Society of Colonial Wars was held at Cincinnati, Ohio, on Friday, June 3, 1921, at the Cincinnati Country Club.

The Governor General took the Chair and called the meeting to order at 1:30 o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General, Frederick Dwight, of New York, was unanimously chosen Secretary General pro tem.

The Call for the meeting was read by the Secretary General pro tem.

In the absence of the Chaplain General, the Rev. Lewis Brown, Ph.D., Chaplain of the Indiana Society, offered a prayer.

The Roll was called by the Secretary General pro tem and these members answered:

General Officers:

Governor General—Col. William Whitehead Ladd;
Honorary Governor General—Captain Howland Pell;
Registrar General—Professor Arthur Adams.

Deputy Governors General:

New York—Major Henry Gansevoort Sanford;
Pennsylvania—Hon. S. Davis Page;
Massachusetts—Walter Kendall Watkins;
Ohio—Charles T. Greve;
Michigan—Allen L. Colton.

By unanimous consent the privileges of the floor were given to Governor Wm. R. Sanders, of the Ohio Society; to Thomas Kite, Robert P. Hargitt and Charles Wilkins Short, former Governors of that Society; to Jackson W. Sparrow, its Registrar; to Lieutenant Governor Edward M. Shepard, of the Missouri Society; to Clarence G. Anderson, Jr., Governor of the Georgia Society, and to Samuel Herrick, of the District of Columbia Society, representing their respective Deputy Governors General.

The Governor General presented the printed minutes of the thirty-fourth meeting of the General Council, held on December 22, 1920, and stated they had been distributed to the members of the General Council and to Secretaries of State Societies, and, on motion, they were approved as printed and their reading was dispensed with.

The Governor General stated that pursuant to request from the General Council made at its last meeting, the Surgeon General had prepared a Minute on the death of the Reverend Charles L. Hutchins, D.D., of the Massachusetts Society, which was read by the Secretary General pro tem. and by a silent and rising vote was unanimously ordered spread on the minutes and a copy was directed to be sent to the family of the Rev. Dr. Hutchins. The minute was in these words:

> "The General Council of the General Society of Colonial Wars records with regret the transition of the Reverend Doctor Charles Lewis Hutchins, Chaplain General of the Society from 1915 to 1918. Born in Concord, New Hampshire, August 5, 1838, he received his bachelor's degree in Arts in 1861 at Williams College, and the master's degree in 1864. He was ordained a priest in the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1865 and served in the Church of the Holy Communion, New York, of Saint Paul, Buffalo, of Saint John, Lowell, and of Grace Church, Medford, Massachusetts. In 1899 he received the Doctorate of Divinity from the University of the South, and in 1906 the same dignity was conferred on

him by Williams College. He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Kappa Epsilon Societies.

"For thirty-three years Dr. Hutchins served as Assistant Secretary to the House of Deputies of the General Convention; in 1904 he was chosen Secretary, and served also as a deputy. He was a trustee of the General Theological Seminary from 1880 to 1913, and for twenty years he was president of the Massachusetts Choir Guild. He was widely known for his interest in hymnology: he devoted many years of his life to the preparation of choir psalters, hymnals, and chant and service books, which were widely used in the Church.

"Dr. Hutchins passed the evening of his life in the peaceful and historic town of Concord, Massachusetts. At the time of his demise, August 17, 1920, he was the fourth in seniority of the Clergy in the Diocese of the Commonwealth. Of genial, kindly manner, he was much beloved, and he leaves with us a fragrant memory."

The Governor General stated that since the last meeting of the General Council Fritz Herman Jordan, the Deputy Governor General for the Maine Society, had died, and he presented a minute which had been prepared at his request by Charles J. Nichols, Secretary of the Maine Society. This was read by the Secretary General pro tem. and by a silent and rising vote was unanimously ordered spread on the minutes and a copy sent to Mr. Jordan's family. The minute was as follows:

"To the General Council of the General Society of Colonial Wars, Assembled in Cincinnati, on June 3, 1921:

"Sad was my duty as Secretary to announce to the Governor General, on April 15th last, the death of our Deputy Governor General Fritz Herman Jordan, of Portland, Maine.

"It seems fitting that at the meeting of the General Council, of which body he was an esteemed member,

our State Society should present a tribute to one who was respected and loved by all his associates.

"Mr. Jordan was born in Portland, May 4, 1848.

"His papers filed with the Society of Colonial Wars show him qualified in ten different lines—a direct descendant of Robert Jordan, the Governing Magistrate of the Province of Maine, 1665-1668.

"Whenever and wherever Fritz Jordan represented our State Society, we were proud of him. Although reserved and dignified, yet when that kindly smile illuminated his face, you were made an instant friend. He loved companionship and the society of congenial associates. He was singularly modest; publicity he disliked and avoided. He never sought political office, yet he never shrank from public duty. His name is connected with every movement for the benefit and welfare of his fellow citizens, and he gave willingly and unsparingly of his time and energy to further a cause or principle.

"For twenty years he was a trustee, without compensation, of one of our leading Savings Banks, and for the past five years, its Vice-President. He was one of the Board of Managers of the Portland Public Library. For many years prior to his decease, he was Treasurer of the Maine Historical Society and spent a part of each afternoon at its rooms.

"In genealogical work, he was a national figure: a leader in the Mayflower Society; one of the founders of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maine, and our first Lieutenant Governor. He was a delegate from Maine to the General Assembly of the Society in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1889, and has attended annually, nearly every meeting of the General Society since that date.

"In 1900 he was elected Deputy Governor of the Maine Society and continued as Deputy until he was made Governor in 1903, a position which he held for twelve consecutive years. For the past twelve years Mr. Jordan was Deputy Governor General, the repre-

sentative from the Society in the State of Maine to the General Society.

"At all the meetings of the various boards of which he was a member, he was independent in judgment, fearless in expression, but never wounding the feelings of those differing from him, and always carried the courage of his conviction. He listened to others, his mind open to form an opinion, but when the path of truth was well defined, no power could lead him from it.

"The General Society has lost a valued member, the City of Portland, a noble citizen, the State Society, a wise and prudent counsellor, and his associates, a true and trustworthy friend.

"CHARLES J. NICHOLS,
"Secretary of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maine."

On motion, the reports of the General Officers and of Committees were ordered to be presented to the General Assembly, which was about to be called to order.

The Governor General stated that pursuant to Article IV of the Constitution he had joined with the Secretary General in issuing certificates approving the selection evidenced by certificates from their respective State Societies of the following named as Deputy Governors General: Frank Hervey Pettingell, for the State of California; Walter Kendall Watkins, for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and Alexander Hamilton, for the State of Indiana. On motion, the said several appointments were confirmed.

The question of the Registrar General's giving genealogical information with respect to prospective members was presented and discussed. The Registrar General expressed his willingness, when such matters came before him, to give whatever assistance and advice he could offer. This statement was to be recorded in the minutes.

On motion, it was resolved that the minutes of this meet-

ing be printed and the expense thereof paid by the Treasurer General on the Certificate of the Secretary General.

On motion the General Council at 2 o'clock P. M., adjourned to meet at the call of the Governor General on June 4, 1921.

June 4, 1921.

Pursuant to adjournment and the Call of the Governor General the General Council met at the Hotel Sinton, in Cincinnati, Ohio, at 12:30 o'clock P. M.

By unanimous consent the calling of the roll was dispensed with and the roll of yesterday's meeting was adopted.

On motion, it was resolved that the Treasurer General pay on account of the expenses of the Ninth General Assembly such amount as the Governor General and Secretary General might approve.

On motion, it was resolved that pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution the Governor General be and he is hereby authorized to appoint from time to time, committees of such number of members in each instance as he may specify to hear and determine appeals from decisions of the Registrar General as to descent or eligibility.

On motion, it was resolved that the Registrar General and Secretary General be appointed a Committee to prepare a new design for the Certificate of Membership and to consider arrangements for engraving and supplying them.

On motion, the General Council then adjourned.

FREDERICK DWIGHT,
Secretary General pro tem.

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